

# Division of State and Local Readiness Friday Update

February 12, 2021



CDC's Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) program is a critical source of funding, guidance, and technical assistance for state, local, and territorial public health departments to strengthen their public health preparedness capabilities and improve their response readiness. The Division of State and Local Readiness (DSLRL) Friday Update provides information and resources for PHEP recipients and other preparedness planners. Please share the newsletter with your colleagues.

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### **CDC Provides Recommendations to PHEP Directors on FEMA-Supported Vaccination Efforts**

State and local preparedness professionals have an important role in supporting COVID-19 vaccination efforts and can serve as coordinating links between emergency management, immunization programs, and local communities.

DSLRL provides the following recommendations on FEMA-supported vaccination efforts to PHEP directors:

- Engage with emergency management colleagues to assure coordination with immunization programs within the jurisdiction.
- Assist with designing and coordinating FEMA vaccination planning and implementation efforts, including participating in needs assessments.
- Assist with budget formulation and work plan development for COVID-19 vaccination funding from CDC's Immunization Services Division.
- Contribute to planning for persons with access and functional needs and related partners.

For additional information, jurisdictions should contact their DSLR project officer.

### **Joint HPP-PHEP Recipient Conference Call Scheduled for February 17**

The next quarterly HPP-PHEP recipient conference call will be held from **2 p.m. to 3 p.m. EST** on **Wednesday, February 17**. The joint call will start one hour earlier to accommodate the COVID-19 vaccination planning call that begins at 3:30 p.m. EST.

#### Participant Information

Dial-In: (646)828-7666

Meeting ID: 1617816178

Passcode: 52455471

Zoom Link: <https://cdc.zoomgov.com/j/1607524717?pwd=czhra1pScTQrS3ptR3pjMVVSRzEwZz09>



## National Forum on COVID-19 Vaccine Scheduled for February 22-24

In support of the Biden-Harris Administration's National Strategy for the COVID-19 Response and Pandemic Preparedness, CDC is organizing a virtual national forum on COVID-19 vaccine that will bring together practitioners from national, state, tribal, local, and territorial levels who are engaged in vaccinating communities across the nation.

The forum will support the Administration's goals of mounting safe, effective, and comprehensive vaccine implementation strategies to protect those most at risk and advance health equity, particularly among communities that have been disproportionately affected by COVID-19.

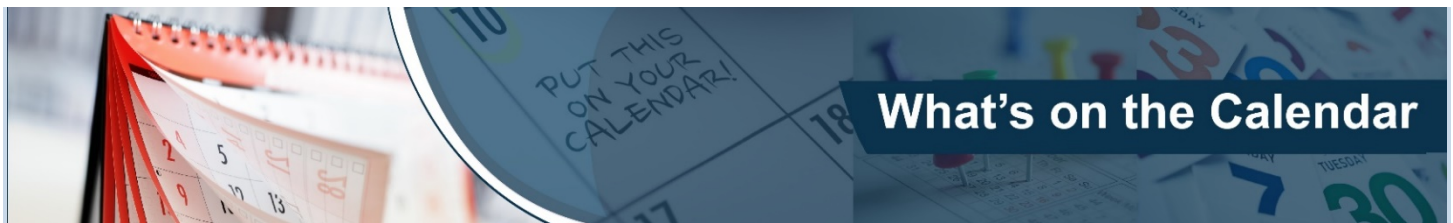
Intended for practitioners focused on vaccine implementation, as well as people and groups that can champion vaccine uptake in communities, the forum will facilitate information exchange on the most effective strategies to:

- Build trust and confidence in COVID-19 vaccines
- Use data to drive vaccine implementation
- Provide practical information for optimizing and maximizing equitable vaccine access

**Registration is open from February 9-16.** Read the [CDC Director's letter](#) to learn more about the forum and register at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/forum/index.html>.



CDC Director Rochelle Walensky, MD, MPH



- **February 17** – Joint HPP-PHEP Recipient Call
- **February 22-24** – National Forum on COVID-19 Vaccine
- **March 15** – RealOpt© Training



## New CDC COVID-19 Resources Available Online

Several new COVID-19 resources are now available on the CDC COVID-19 website. The resources include interim considerations for use of mRNA COVID-19 vaccines, COVID-19 vaccine FAQs, mask guidance, and multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C).

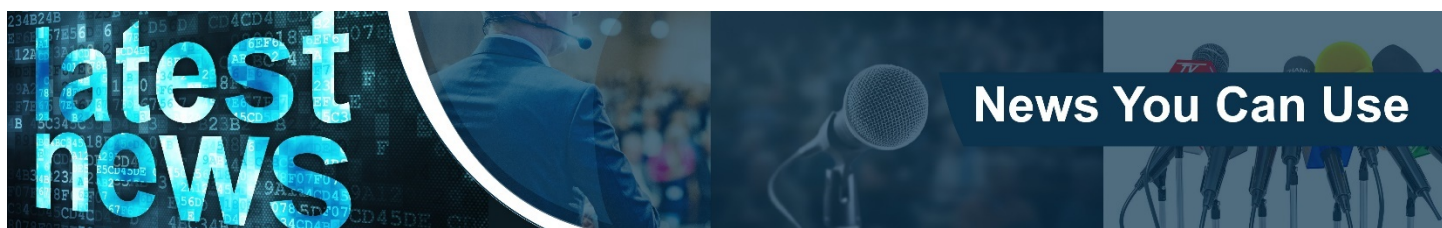
- The [Interim Consideration for Use of mRNA COVID-19 Vaccines Currently Authorized in the United States](#) includes recent changes to managing administration errors, clarifications on contraindications and precautions, information on delayed local injection-site reactions, quarantine recommendations, and testing for TB infection.
- The [National Forum for COVID-19 Vaccine FAQs](#) provide information on promising practices and practical tools to inform vaccine implementation in communities across the country. The National Forum on COVID-19 Vaccine event is scheduled for February 22-24 and will bring together practitioners as well as those who can champion vaccine uptake in all communities.
- Correct and consistent [mask use](#) is a critical step everyone can take to prevent getting and spreading

protection. When choosing a mask, look at how well it fits, how well it filters the air, and how many layers it has. Review the [Improve How Your Mask Protects You](#) guidance for additional information.

- CDC conducted experiments to assess two ways of improving the fit of medical procedure masks: fitting a cloth mask over a medical procedure mask and knotting the ear loops of a medical procedure mask and then tucking in and flattening the extra material close to the face. Each modification substantially improved source control and reduced wearer exposure. Additional information can be accessed at: [Maximizing Fit for Cloth and Medical Procedure Masks to Improve Performance and Reduce SARS-CoV-2 Transmission and Exposure](#).
- Developed in partnership with Warner Media and CDC, the [Mask Up America – Favorite Things](#) PSA encourages Americans to continue to mask up to help stop the spread of the Coronavirus. #MaskUpAmerica is a national campaign to promote mask wearing around the country.
- [Health Department – Reported Cases of Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children \(MIS-C\)](#) in the United States Since mid-May 2020. CDC has been [tracking reports](#) of [multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children \(MIS-C\)](#), a rare but serious condition associated with COVID-19. MIS-C is a new syndrome, and many questions remain about why some children and adolescents develop it after a COVID-19 illness or contact with someone with COVID-19, while others do not.

### **ASPR Provides Planning Considerations for Monoclonal Antibody Administration**

The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, Technical Resources, Assistance Center, and Information Exchange (ASPR-TRACIE) has published the [Planning Considerations for Monoclonal Antibody Administration Tip Sheet](#). This document provides information for healthcare providers on prescribing and administering COVID-19 monoclonal antibody therapeutics.



### **CDC Offers RealOpt© Training on March 15**

The next CDC virtual instructor-led RealOpt© training session on vaccination and point-of-dispensing (POD) sites will be held at **1 p.m. EST on Monday, March 15**. Participants will learn the basic components of RealOpt©, a computer modeling program that determines POD or vaccination site staff requirements and examines process efficiencies based on site-specific configurations. With this tool, participants will learn to manipulate existing POD and vaccine flow models and how to run and interpret the performance reports. By the end of the session, participants will have learned how to build or modify their own models to identify where staff should be allocated and how to eliminate bottlenecks and optimize processing times.

CDC encourages POD and vaccination managers, local and state medical countermeasure planners, and other preparedness planners to register for a monthly training session. Registration for the RealOpt© training session is required through [CDC TRAIN](#). Registration deadline is **seven days** prior to the course delivery date. Additional training sessions will be held on the following dates.

- Thursday, April 22
- Monday, May 10
- Thursday, June 10
- Thursday, July 8

### **CDC Seeks Host Sites for Preparedness Field Assignees**

CDC is seeking a limited number of PHEP jurisdictions to host DSLR preparedness field assignees (PFAs) to continue their public health emergency preparedness developmental experience. **CDC will fund the salaries** of entry level public health Preparedness Field Assignees (PFA) for a three-year training program to develop skills and additional field experience in state and local emergency preparedness and response. The program provides PFAs with hands-on field training, thus increasing the overall program competency of DSLR staff. Additional information on the PFA placement opportunity and the process for requesting a field assignee is

available [online](#). Interested jurisdictions must submit letters of intent (LOIs) to [dslrpfa@cdc.gov](mailto:dslrpfa@cdc.gov) by COB on **Friday, March 5**. For questions regarding the LOI submission, contact Scott Tulloch at [sdt2@cdc.gov](mailto:sdt2@cdc.gov).

### **ATSDR Reminds Recipients of the CSPECE Disaster Recovery Supplemental**

The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) has multiple resources to help communities plan for the safe location for early care and education facilities. The [Choose Safe Places for Early Care and Education \(CSPECE\) Disaster Recovery Supplement](#) helps public and environmental health professionals learn how to reduce children's environmental exposures where they learn and play. Additional resources and planning tools to build a safe siting program in your community can be assessed at: <https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/safeplacesforece/tools.html>.

### **Public Health Foundation to Host Virtual Town Hall Meeting on Core Competencies for Public Health Professionals**

The Public Health Foundation will host a virtual town hall meeting at **1 p.m. EST on February 23**. During the meeting, an overview of the [Core Competencies for Public Health Professionals](#) will be provided, the review and revision process will be discussed, and participants will have a chance to provide feedback on the Core Competencies with fellow public health professionals and the Council on Linkages. As the [Council on Linkages Between Academia and Public Health Practice](#) begins [revising the Core Competencies](#), feedback will help ensure the Core Competencies continue to reflect the reality of working in public health and meet the needs of the public health workforce. Click [here](#) to join the virtual town hall meeting. Feedback can be submitted [online](#), or comments can be sent to [competencies@phf.org](mailto:competencies@phf.org). Feedback will be accepted through February 28. For additional information, contact Kathleen Amos at [kamos@phf.org](mailto:kamos@phf.org).



### **CDC MMWR Reports**

- [Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, February 12](#)
- [Maximizing Fit for Cloth and Medical Procedure Masks to Improve Performance and Reduce SARS-CoV-2 Transmission and Exposure, 2021](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccination Intent, Perceptions, and Reasons for Not Vaccinating Among Groups Prioritized for Early Vaccination - United States, September and December 2020](#)

### **COVID-19 Guidance and Resources**

- **UPDATED** [Improve How Your Mask Protects You](#)
- **UPDATED** [Mask Up America](#)
- **UPDATED** [Use of Masks to Help Slow the Spread of COVID-19](#)
- **UPDATED** [Large Gatherings](#)
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- **UPDATED** [Cases in the U.S.](#)
- **UPDATED** [COVID-19 Forecasts: Cases](#)
- **UPDATED** [COVID-19 Forecasts: Hospitalizations](#)
- **UPDATED** [COVID-19 Forecasts: Deaths](#)
- **UPDATED** [Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)
- **UPDATED** [Strategies for Optimizing Supply of N95 Respirators](#)
- **UPDATED** [Overall US COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution and Administration Update as of February 9](#)
- **UPDATED** [Key Things to Know About COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
- **UPDATED** [Percent of Delivered First Vaccine Doses Administered by U.S. States and Territories](#)
- **UPDATED** [COVID-19 Vaccination for Communities](#)
- **UPDATED** [COVID-19 Vaccine Communication Toolkit for Essential Workers: Getting Started](#)
- **UPDATED** [COVID-19 Vaccine Communication Toolkit for Community-Based Organizations: Getting Started](#)
- **UPDATED** [US COVID-19 Cases Caused by Variants](#)

- **UPDATED** [Ventilation](#)
- **UPDATED** [Responder Stories](#)
- **UPDATED** [Staffing Resources](#)
- **UPDATED** [People with Disabilities](#)
- **UPDATED** [Healthcare Professional Preparedness Checklist for Transport and Arrival of Patients With Confirmed or Possible COVID-19](#)
- **UPDATED** [Information for Healthcare Professionals about Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)
- **UPDATED** [Guidance to Reduce the Risk of SARS-CoV-2 Spreading between People and Wildlife](#)
- **UPDATED** [Facility Planning and Operations for COVID-19](#)
- **UPDATED** [Surge Mitigation in Healthcare](#)
- **UPDATED** [COVID-19 Exposure in Healthcare Settings](#)
- **UPDATED** [Toolkit for Pregnant People and New Parents](#)
- **UPDATED** [Upcoming Holiday Tips](#)
- **UPDATED** [For Specific Industries and Occupations](#)
- **UPDATED** [Healthcare Facilities That Have Implemented COVID-19 Electronic Case Reporting](#)
- **UPDATED** [Vaccines](#)
- **UPDATED** [eCR Now: COVID-19 Electronic Case Reporting for Healthcare Providers](#)
- **UPDATED** [Protecting Seafood Processing Workers from COVID-19](#)
- **UPDATED** [What to Know About Liver Disease and COVID-19](#)
- **UPDATED** [COVID-19 Travel Recommendations by Country](#)
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